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SUBJECT: 40TH ARAB BOYCOTT OFFICERS' CONFERENCE ENDS

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1. IRAQI PRESS OCTOBER 29 QUOTED FINAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY 40TH CONFERENCE OF ARAB BOYCOTT OFFICERS AS SAYING THAT THE CONFERENCE HAD DECIDED TO PROHIBIT DEALINGS WITH TEN COMPANIES AND THEIR BRANCHES, AND HAD REMOVED 37 COMPANIES AND 41 SUBSIDIARIES FROM THE BOYCOTT LIST BECAUSE THEY HAD SEVERED RELATIONS WITH THE "ZIONIST ENTITY". LATTER COMPANIES WERE FROM BRITAIN, CYPRUS, GREECE, HONGKONG, HUNGARY, INDIA, ITALY, JAPAN, ROMANIA, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, USA, USSR AND WEST GERMANY. (COMMENT: PREVIOUSLY BOYCOTT COMMISSIONER-GENERAL MOHAMMED MAJOUR HAD SAID 75 PER CENT OF MORE THAN 90 COMPANIES APPLYING HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM BLACKLIST.) IN ADDITION SEVEN COMPANIES FROM BRITAIN, DENMARK, FINLAND, USA, AND WEST GERMANY WILL BE ASKED TO SUBMIT FURTHER DOCUMENTS.

2. PRESS ALSO REPORTED THAT THE CONFERENCE HAD PROHIBITED IMPORT OF CERTAIN PRODUCTS FROM THREE COMPANIES BECAUSE THESE FIRMS WERE RE-EXPORTING ISRAELI GOODS, THAT IT HAD IMPOSED A PARTIAL BOYCOTT ON A JAPANESE COMPANY AND A SOUTH KOREAN COMPANY WHICH MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS UNDER LICENCE FROM BOYCOTTED COMPANIES, AND THAT IT HAD ISSUED A FINAL WARNING TO ONE AMERICAN COMPANY SAYING THAT THE FIRM MUST SEVER RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL WITHIN A STATED DEADLINE.

3. REITERATING EARLIER STATEMENTS REGARDING US LEGISLATION, THE COMMUNIQUE SAID THE ARAB BOYCOTT WAS AN ACT OF SELF-DEFENSE IN KEEPING WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW AND WAS NOT BASED ON RELIGIOUS OR RACIST CONSIDERATION. PRESS REPORTS ADDED THAT ACTIONS PROPOSED BY THE CONFERENCE TO COUNTER US ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL.
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